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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN/LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF - BUTTES

REF: TUNIS 5339 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLLOWING REFUSAL TRANS-WORLD DRILLING TO UNDERTAKE DRILLING OF WELL IN DISPUTED ZONE OF CONTINENTAL SHELF, BUTTES INVITED MISSION DRILLING COMPANY TO VISIT TUNISIA, DISCUSS SITUATION, AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING SUB-CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF DRILL SHIP AND CREW. MISSION HAS SELF-PROPELLED DRILL SHIP IN GULF OF MEXICO WHICH COULD BE MOVED TO LOCATION OF PROPOSED WELL IN ONE MONTH.

2. BUTTES AND ETAP HAVE AGREED THAT BUTTES WILL NOT PROPOSE ANOTHER SUBSTITUTE COMPANY UNTIL SUCH COMPANY IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO UNDERTAKE WELL. AS REPORTED BY BUTTES REP, ETAP DOESN'T WANT TO SEE OR KNOW OF A PARADE OF DRILLING COMPANIES ALL EVENTUALLY REFUSING TO ACCEPT JOB.

3. ON 10 AUG, BUTTES REP STATED THAT MISSION HAD "MADE
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AN OFFER" ON PROPOSED JOB, AND BUTTES IS CONSIDERING

THAT OFFER. FYI: MISSION HAS NOT RPT NOT CALLED
ON EMBASSY. END FYI.
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